



# U.S. Makes First Contact With PLO



President Reagan has defended his decision to talk to the PLO.

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WASHINGTON — The United States made its first official contact with the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thursday after President Ronald Reagan's decision to reverse long-standing policy and open a dialogue with the group.

But as contact was made in Tunisia, Mr. Reagan warned he would not hesitate to "break off communications" with the PLO if it reneged on its declarations and accept Israel's right to exist.

Mr. Reagan defended his decision to permit a dialogue, reversing a 12-year Washington policy, saying that "words have been spoken" that spelled out the PLO's acceptance of U.S. conditions for direct talks.

At a news conference Wednesday night, Secretary of State George P. Shultz said the PLO had issued a statement in which it accepted United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist in peace and security and renounced terrorism.

"As a result," Mr. Shultz said, "the United States is prepared for a substantive dialogue with PLO representatives."

Mr. Reagan said Thursday that he did not think Israel had any reason to be upset with the decision because the United States had made it plain that it had "not retreated one inch" from its position of guaranteeing the safety of the Jewish state.

The president talked to reporters

twice, during picture-taking sessions in the Oval Office with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and later with Prime Minister Ciriaco De Mita of Italy.

He spoke after U.S. officials quickly reversed through on the reversal of the policy against talks with the PLO and sought an early meeting. A senior State Department official said he hoped this would lead to direct Arab-Israeli peace talks.

President-elect George Bush said Thursday that he supported the president's decision.

Mr. Reagan said the administration made its decision after it became satisfied that the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, in a news conference in Geneva on Wednesday, had complied with the American conditions for a dialogue with his organization.

Asked to explain the reversal, Mr. Reagan replied, "Well, because the words have been spoken, and the words were the words that we have been stating were necessary."

But he quickly added that "the words must be matched by performance, and if they're not, why, we're back where we started."

Asked a short time later what he would do if the PLO failed to live up to its statements, the president replied, "Well, we'd certainly break off communications."

The U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, Robert H. Pelletreau Jr., who was assigned to open the "substantive dialogue" with the PLO, called the director-general of the political section at the PLO's headquarters in

Tunis to make arrangements for the talks, a U.S. official said.

A PLO executive committee member in Tunis said that the first public meeting between the United States and the PLO would take place in Tunis on Friday afternoon.

Abdullah Hourani, one of the four men designated to be on the PLO team in the talks, told Reuters on Thursday that they would meet in a Tunisian government building yet to be decided.

Mr. Arafat was meeting with East German officials in Berlin on Thursday, then was reported heading for Bucharest. It was not known when he intended to return to Tunis.

As to the topics of the talks, the U.S. official said, "We have our agenda of things to talk to the PLO about. First among them is the issue of terrorism. And how you get to peace negotiations."

Mr. Shultz made his decision after two hectic days of lobbying by Arab allies of the United States, notably Saudi Arabia and Egypt. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia sent two personal messages to Mr. Reagan on Wednesday, saying Mr. Arafat had gone as far as he could and the United States should not miss this "historic opportunity."

The Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, and Ambassador Abdel Raouf Rendi of Egypt pressed the White House and State Department to respond positively.

The White House spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, said the chain of events that brought about the success.

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## Soviet Army Paper Airs Unease on Cuts

By Michael Dobbs  
Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — The first signs of military unease with proposed cuts of 150,000 men in the Soviet armed forces came Thursday with all checkered by serving and returning to San the way dismissals traveler is flytime had been handed does not use the.

None of the officers whose letters were published directly criticized the troop reduction plan. To differ in public with a major policy move already announced by the Kremlin would be unthinkable even under Mr. Gorbachev's policy of glasnost, or openness.

But several officers made it clear that they were worried about the implications of the decision on a personal and professional level.

"It must be said openly: It's difficult to situate oneself to such a reduction," wrote a lieutenant colonel of a guards division, S. Tokalenko. "For many of us, it won't be easy to adjust psychologically. The army has its own special atmosphere, its own traditions."

Colonel Tokalenko and several other officers expressed concern over whether dismissed military personnel would lose their right to special housing.

In an evident attempt to ease these worries, the deputy chief of staff, General Vladimir Lobov, promised Wednesday that no officer would suffer "either materially or spiritually" as a result of the cuts.

General Lobov predicted that one fifth of all the personnel cuts, amounting to 100,000 men, would be made in the professional officer corps rather than from the ranks of conscripts.

The last major attempt to reduce the size of the armed forces was See ARMY, Page 6



A single delegate from Israel, Myriam Milo, listening Thursday to the final day of debate on Palestine at the UN session in Geneva.

## Shamir Denounces Acceptance of PLO As a U.S. 'Blunder'

By Joel Brinkley  
New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Thursday that the U.S. decision to talk with the Palestine Liberation Organization was a dangerous "blunder" that will not help us, will not help the United States and not help the peace process.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres suggested that the United States and other countries willing to talk to the PLO were naive. "While other countries are expressing their views out of sincere hope," he said, "we express our views from bitter experience."

While some Israelis of the political left said that they were delighted with the American decision, Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir expressed the prevailing view — concern that bordered on anguish as Israel accepted that it now stood completely alone on the issue of relations with the PLO.

In an interview Thursday, Mr. Shamir acknowledged that with the U.S. change of position, no other country agreed with his view that negotiations should not be held with the PLO under any circumstances.

Being alone, Mr. Shamir said, was "not the ideal situation." He said that Israel's job now was to try to persuade the United States to change its mind.

"If they really talk to the PLO every day they will have a reason to stop," he said.

While Mr. Peres went out of his way to say he believed that Israel's relations with the United States would remain "as friendly, as deep as meaningful" as before, Mr. Shamir took a somewhat darker view.

"This will have an impact," he said. "You can't ignore it. You can't deny it."

Mr. Peres suggested that PLO actions would eventually convince the United States that it erred.

"I surely see a change in their rhetoric, but I hardly see a change in their actions," he said, adding that "if one Molotov cocktail" was thrown in the Israeli-occupied territories, it would nullify Mr. Arafat's renunciation of terrorism.

Newspaper editorials generally agreed. The daily Hadashot called the U.S. decision "the most painful diplomatic slap Israel has received," while the daily Maariv said that Mr. Arafat had "once again made a fool out of the Americans."

Many Israelis on the political left were of a different view, saying that perhaps the PLO really had changed.

"I think we've started a new era," Ezer Weizman of the Labor Party said. "In my estimation, the pres-

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## Arabs Hail U.S. Move as Step to Peace

By Alan Cowell  
New York Times Service

CAIRO — Officials and commentators in many parts of the Arab world responded warmly Thursday to the U.S. decision to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but they cast it as only a start in the longer process of securing Middle East peace.

In Damascus, small, radical Palestinian factions outside the PLO issued veiled threats that they would counter the new relationship with Washington with terrorism.

But the overriding sentiment among Egyptian and other Arab officials was that the U.S. move had vindicated what they depict as a new moderation and realism within the PLO and an emergent bloc of Arab nations that support the trend.

Other officials indicated that the

deepest concern for Cairo had been that continued American dismissals of Mr. Arafat's purported moderation would undermine his position within the PLO and leave his Arab allies exposed to radical taunts that they had frittered away Palestinian bargaining chips for no visible return.

Several Palestinian commentators depicted the U.S. decision as a victory for what Arabs call the *intifada* — the year-old Palestinian uprising.

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#### Canada Voids Language Law

OTTAWA (NYT) — The Supreme Court of Canada struck down on Thursday the Quebec language law requiring the posting of commercial and other public signs in French only.

The action was a victory for Quebec's 800,000 English speakers, who have fought for more than a decade for the right to post signs in their language. But it created a political crisis for Robert Bourassa, the premier of Quebec, who must now decide whether to abide by the court decision or to override it under provisions that empower a provincial government to declare itself exempt from such rulings.



Qien Samphan, leader of the Khmer Rouge, said he plans ready to support peace talks on Cambodia. Page 2.

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## National Security Gives Protectionists a Weapon

By Joseph Fitchett  
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — If patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel, national security is often the last resort of a protectionist.

In the United States, where ball-bearing makers recently tried to get protection from foreign competition, calls to safeguard a national "defense-industrial base" often are simply code for nontariff barriers.

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and the national security umbrella increasingly shelters protectionism of new categories of manufacturing and services.

In Europe, where France tried to block a foreign takeover of a car-parts maker on national security grounds, a protectionist reflex threatens to erect a rampart around defense industries. European Community governments are considering whether to form a common market for everything from fighter planes to field radios and to penalize imports of U.S. arms by imposing tariffs.

And in Japan, an emergent arms industry is seeking protection to develop into a full-fledged supplier capable of replacing many of the combat aircraft and warships that once were major imports that helped redress the Japanese trade surplus with the United States.

Protectionism in the defense sec-

## In Spitak, Survivors Are Living a Death

By David Remnick  
Washington Post Service

SPITAK, U.S.S.R. — In this Armenian town, the living search for the dead.

A young man in his 20s walked up and down rows of coffins on Wednesday, opening lids, looking for his brother. Finally, he found what he did not want to see, and at the sight of his brother, climbed into the coffin with him, ready to join the dead.

Nothing prepares a visitor for Spitak, for its small sports stadium filled with coffins and its bodies left out in the cold. With a population of 20,000, surrounded by the Caucasus mountains, Spitak was a beautiful place to live a week ago, people here say.

But then, on Dec. 7, the earth moved beneath it and the town was completely destroyed. At least half its residents died. Eight kindergartens, eight schools, factories for soap, sugar and elevators — all were reduced to rubble.

On every street, the curbs are lined with coffins and the detritus of ordinary life: a stack of Armenian novels, a pile of cabbages, a boot, a half-eaten loaf of bread, a torn reproduction of a portrait. And everywhere the smell is of smoke and snow and the dead.

Artavard Kogoyan, a sugar worker who on Wednesday was still looking for his daughter, said, "In this town, it used to be that when one person died, we all cried. But now only a few can cry. We have no more tears left."

Survivors who spend their days turning over slabs of concrete in hopes of a finding someone alive are slowly giving up.

A woman stood on a heap of rubble, her bones, and flipped through an album of family pictures.

"It all happened in an instant," she said.

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A survivor of the earthquake boiling pots of water in the city of Spitak, which was destroyed.

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recognition to the PLO and introduced it as a party in any new peace process.

This in itself is an act of momentous consequences, a kind of diplomatic Rubicon in the Middle East — first for Israel and then for the incoming Bush administration as it seeks to devise a new approach to settling the dispute.

The U.S. action presents a direct challenge to Israel's steadfast refusal to deal with the PLO and undermines its efforts to find other Palestinians to negotiate with from the Israeli-occupied territories.

It also lays the groundwork for a confrontation between the United States and Israel over the direction the peace process should take — one that Secretary of State George P. Shultz already got a taste of in his four attempts this last year to persuade Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to accept a peace plan.

The State Department spokesman, Charles E. Redman, sought on Thursday to minimize the significance of the U.S. decision to open "a substantive dialogue" with the PLO. He said repeatedly that it had "nothing to do with" U.S. recognition of the PLO, an issue which "in no way enters into this equation."

"I don't see any impact on any other aspect of the PLO status by virtue of this decision," he said, reaffirming the U.S. policy of denying the PLO an office in Washington. "What has happened is that we are now able to have a dialogue with the PLO."

Nor has there been any change in the U.S. rejection of the PLO declaration in Algiers on Nov. 15 of an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Even a new visa request from the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, to go to the United Nations in New York — Mr. Shultz rejected a re-

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# Defiant N.Y. Mayor Shoots for 4th Term

## His Rivals Sense He Is Vulnerable

By Howard Kurtz  
Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Mayor Edward I. Koch was on his turf, fielding questions from middle-class home owners at a town meeting in the borough of Queens, when a woman dared to ask why the dozen commissioners and deputies at his side were all male.

"Listen, I want to tell you, you are so unfair, it's unbelievable!" Mr. Koch bellowed into the microphone. "I have appointed more women to high positions than any mayor in history," he said, rattling off a list of names.

With the timing of a stand-up comedian, Mr. Koch then paused a beat, turned to the woman and said, "Apologize!"

The junior high school auditorium filled with applause.

Mr. Koch is in deep political trouble, according to the polls and the pundits, as he prepares to run for a fourth term. But as the raucous meeting in the Queens neighborhood demonstrated, he has sharp elbows and the advantage of the incumbency. Nine months before the Democratic primary, no opponent has suited up.

A half-dozen potential challengers are circling, warily eyeing each other. Waiting in the wings is a Republican, Rudolph W. Giuliani, the U.S. attorney, who may have a clear shot at Mr. Koch in November if he stops procrastinating and takes the plunge.

But because of the Byzantine nature of New York politics, the anti-Koch forces will probably be un-

able to coalesce around a single candidate.

Mr. Koch, 64, has worn out his welcome with many New Yorkers. From his attacks on the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, which angered many blacks, to his incautious remarks about the British occupation of Ireland, to his declaration that people should not give beggars money, the mayor's outspokenness has proved his worst enemy.

The Democrat who might force most rivals to the sidelines is the city's senior black official, David N. Dinkins, the Manhattan borough president. A cautious, dignified man sometimes slow to speak out on controversial issues, Mr. Dinkins, 61, has managed to reassure many white voters without diminishing his base of support.

Other Democrats are testing their appeal. Andrew Stein, 43, the city council president, has shed an overly ambitious image, in part through investigations of city foul-ups and abuses.

Mr. Stein, whose latest fundraising event brought in \$1.2 million, is popular with Jewish voters and has been courting Hubert James, who was Mr. Jackson's New York campaign manager. But Mr. Stein appears reluctant to spoil his cordial relationship with Mr. Koch.

Almost certain to run is the city comptroller, Harrisoo Goldin, 52, a bitter foe of Mr. Koch, whom he has accused of running "the most corrupt administration in history."

A number of Mr. Koch's top appointees have been indicted or convicted.



Mayor Koch: 'You want to go back to the old days?'

Mr. Goldin, too, has a few weak spots. His auditors never uncovered contracting scandals he now criticizes. Also, he has been investigated several times, most recently for having helped Ivan F. Boesky, a speculator convicted of insider trading, to raise investment funds.

Mr. Goldin, who was cleared of wrongdoing, said he had merely referred Mr. Boesky to friends.

Also considering the race are Ruth W. Messinger, 48, a liberal city council member from the Upper West Side; Richard Ravitch, 55, former head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and Charles J. Hynes, 53, the state special prosecutor who won manslaughter convictions in the Howard Beach racial-assault case.

Mr. Hynes, a rumpled Irishman with a blue-collar image, could emerge as an unexpected force. He says Mr. Koch's approach to the crime and drug problems has been inept.

When the mayor's potential challengers decry the declining quality of life here, Mr. Koch has a simple rejoinder: "Things are better now than when he took office in 1978. He is comparing the city's current financial situation with the crisis of that era, since the improvement provides a better benchmark for his tenure than the issues of drugs, crime, homelessness, poor schools and problematic subways.

Should anyone try to drown out Mr. Koch's upbeat message, as happened toward the end of the Queens town meeting, he simply raises his voice.

"This city is prosperous!" he shouted at his audience. "We have the lowest unemployment rate in 17 years!" He added, "You want to go back to the old days?"

# Koch Seeks Corruption Inquiry Into N.Y. Schools

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Mayor Edward I. Koch, saying he now believes corruption is almost certainly rampant throughout the New York City school system, has called on Governor Mario M. Cuomo to create an independent investigative panel similar to the Knapp Commission, which exposed widespread corruption in the city's police department in the early 1970s.

Mr. Koch asked the governor to form the panel under the Moreland Act, a state law passed in 1907 that has been used to highlight abuses in the nursing home industry, liquor licensing and other areas.

Although the governor has not yet responded to the mayor, he is certain to come under considerable pressure to accede to the request.

In a letter Wednesday to Mr. Cuomo, the mayor suggested that if his request was declined, he would consider establishing a panel himself and seeking subpoena powers from the city council, as was done for the Knapp Commission.

That commission remains the best-known of the investigations in city institutions, having elicited riveting public testimony from police officers about systematic corruption.

An aide to the mayor said Mr. Koch had been contemplating for a few days how to respond to the increasingly vociferous allegations of corruption on some of the 32 local school boards.

The aide said the arrest Tuesday night of a Bronx elementary school teacher on charges of heroin and cocaine possession spurred Mr. Koch to action.

The office of the inspector general of the New York board of education contended in a report last week that the superintendent and some officials of Community Board 4 in East Harlem used school funds to maintain a secret bank account. From it they paid personal expenses, including the cost of parties, food, liquor, jewelry and loans to favored employees, some of which were not repaid.

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# For U.S. Blacks, Shorter Lives

## Study Shows Life Expectancy Fell for 2d Straight Year

By Philip J. Hilts  
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — For the first time this century, the life expectancy of blacks in the United States has declined in two successive years, while that for whites has continued to increase, the National Center for Health Statistics has reported.

"This is serious," said Harry Rosenberg, chief of the mortality statistics branch at the center. "If you are looking for the big factors, they are homicides and accidents."

Recently there has been "a tremendous increase in homicides among both young whites and blacks," he added. But it has hit blacks harder, with a 15-percent increase in homicides among blacks for 1985 and 1986, compared with a 3-percent increase among whites.

Motor vehicle accidents also affected the two populations differently in those years, with an 8-percent increase in deaths among blacks and a 4-percent rise among whites.

Deaths from AIDS as well as some other infectious diseases, such as pneumonia and tuberculosis, also increased disproportionately among blacks in recent years.

Some officials attributed part of the problem to economic policies of the Reagan administration, which they said had increased homelessness, cut aid and health care to the poor and otherwise hurt blacks disproportionately.

Dr. Arthur H. Hoyte, former commissioner of public health of the District of Columbia and now a professor at Georgetown University Medical Center, said that the decline in life expectancy was "really something that might be reflective" of the policies instituted by the administration.

"One would think it would get worse," he added. "There is a disproportionate number of blacks who are poor and who are substance abusers."

It was the first time since 1962 that life expectancy for any race has declined two years in a row, and the only time this century that the life expectancy for blacks has dropped while the figure for whites has risen.

The usual pattern is that when one drops, the other drops as well. This is because the usual reason for a decrease is a major outbreak of fatal disease that strikes both races.

"This is a tremendously significant turnaround in the trend of overall health improvement for the country," said Ed Pitt, director of health for the National Urban League. "There's a crisis in health care for black America. There are a number of conditions that have gone unchecked in the black community that are causing an increase in the death rate."

Life expectancy is a statistical calculation of how long the average person may expect to live. It has been increasing steadily since such statistics were first compiled. For example, life expectancy in the United States in 1900 was 47.6 years for whites and 33 years for other races.

# Conservatives Urge Bush To Take Lead on Homeless

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — With President-elect George Bush preparing to take office in the dead of winter, several conservatives have urged him to make homelessness an immediate priority.

The Heritage Foundation, a conservative research center, held its first panel on the homeless Wednesday, demonstrating growing public concern about the issue.

"The leadership has got to come from the top," said Stuart M. Butler, the foundation's director of domestic policy studies.

After accusing news organizations and liberal Democrats of inflating the issue with "rhetoric" and "emotion," Anna Kondratas, administrator for food and nutrition at the Department of Agriculture, called homelessness a serious problem and said that Mr. Bush should take the lead in tackling it.

No one knows how many homeless there are. Estimates range from 250,000 to 3 million.

While President Ronald Reagan has rarely mentioned homelessness, Mr. Bush emphasized his concern this year. Still, he has said little about how he would address the problem. Asked for specifics at a news conference Wednesday, Mr. Bush gave none.

It is a national shame," he said, "and I'd like to feel we would address it with sensitivity and the needed compassion."

One speaker at the panel suggested eliminating rent control to ease the homeless problem. E. Fuller Torrey, a Washington psychiatrist who has written extensively about the homeless, described U.S. policies on the homeless as "a man-made disaster." He estimated that one-third of the homeless were mentally ill and should not have been discharged from institutions.

# Bilingual Teaching: U.S. City to Redress Wrongs

By Susan Diesenhouse  
New York Times Service

BOSTON — With a federal court's approval, the public schools of Lowell, Massachusetts, are starting one of the most far-reaching programs of instruction and special services for students and parents in the United States whose first language is not English.

Last Friday a federal court here approved the plan as part of a settlement of a lawsuit against Lowell, a city of 95,000 residents 35 miles (55 kilometers) northwest of Boston. Brought by the parents of Southeast Asian and Hispanic students, the 1987 lawsuit charged that school officials had deliberately segregated the children and provided them with an inferior education.

"This plan is on the cutting edge and will advance what we think of as bilingual education," said James J. Lyons, a lawyer for the National Association for Bilingual Education, an advocacy group. "It seems comprehensive enough to be a national model."

Under the Lowell agreement: The school district must try to find the hundreds who dropped out of school since 1986, when turmoil overtook a system unable to absorb a large influx of students who did not speak English. The dropouts will be offered a bilingual or standard educational program.

A school for bilingual instruction will be established, bringing together students of all degrees of competence in English and emphasizing U.S. and Hispanic cultures. It must have roughly a 60-to-40

white-to-minority ratio, as required by a state desegregation plan.

Parents who speak little or no English will receive all school notices in their own language and will have interpreters available at school board meetings and student disciplinary hearings.

Counselors and tutors will be on call to help students who leave the bilingual program.

Lowell's schools have 13,600 students. About 42 percent, or 5,691, are from minority groups, mostly Cambodians, Laotians or children of Hispanic heritage. About 2,900 are in the bilingual program. In 1980, 17 percent of the system's students were from minority groups, with 454 pupils getting bilingual education.

A new arm of the Lowell School Committee will be set up to oversee the new plan. The district will hire more administrators, teachers, guidance counselors and other specialists for the program.

The federal court will monitor the plan, whose cost is estimated to be \$159,000 for this school year.

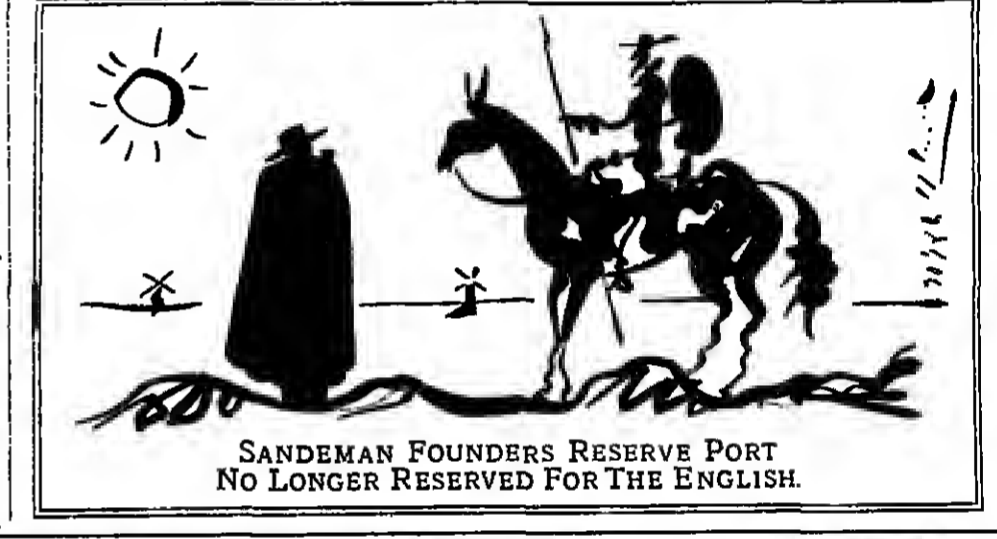
The suit was filed after the city schools, pressed for space, put many pupils who did not speak English into makeshift space like a former boiler room and a former ladies' room. Classes were often large and the age span of students great.

"The entire bilingual program was under attack and should have been," Mayor Richard P. Howe said. The new plan will help the entire city, he said, adding, "If the minority kids are floundering, the majority will suffer too."

# Vatican Payroll Is Stolen

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Two youths on motorbikes blocked a Vatican car near St. Peter's Square on Thursday, snatched a payroll of nearly \$300,000 in cash and checks, the police reported.



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**WORLD BRIEFS**

**Study of Heterosexuals**  
New Jersey (AP) — Warning of a widespread study of a group of heterosexuals, the usually low-risk group, the study in the United States. We see women and children as the most vulnerable. The spread of the disease is probably going to continue into the next few years. A study of the disease is being conducted among the New York and Jersey City, New Jersey.

**Holds Palme Murderer**  
L.M. (AP) — A Swede with a long record in custody Thursday on suspicion of killing prosecutor Anders Heide. Heide was held a day after the arrest of the 41-year-old man by the authorities. Prosecutors said Heide means that the authorities may hold the murderer. Mr. Palme, a leader of the world's largest whole waiting home from a movie on TV.

**Hard-Liner Resigns**  
AP — A hard-liner resigned from the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. The resignation was announced by the party's secretary, Jozef Kump. He had been a member of the party since 1945.

**Moves to Lower Voting**  
AP — A move to lower the voting age from 18 to 16 was rejected by the legislature. The move was proposed by the Communist Party. The legislature rejected the move by a 5-4 vote.

**Record**  
A record of a wage strike paralyzed the main industry in the country. The strike was led by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The strike lasted for 10 days.

**TRAVEL UPDATE**  
A travel update from the Department of State. The update includes information on travel restrictions and advisories for various countries.

**Bombs Set Off in Paris**  
A report of bombs set off in Paris. The bombs were set off by a group of extremists. The bombs caused significant damage and several people were injured.

**General Robert Urquhart**  
A report on General Robert Urquhart. He is a prominent military figure and has held several high-ranking positions in the British Army.

INTERNATIONAL **Herald Tribune**

**But Apartheid Continues**

After years of false starts, the Reagan administration has achieved a diplomatic triumph in southern Africa. Angola, Cuba and South Africa have at last negotiated an agreement providing independence for Namibia and a phased withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

South-West Africa. Pretoria's mandate to rule the former German colony was revoked by the United Nations in 1966. But it had long refused to free a territory it feared would become a hostile revolutionary base.

**Implacable Budget Math**

Under current law and policy, the U.S. budget next fiscal year is likely to be about \$1,150 billion. About \$300 billion of this will be in defense, \$250 billion in Social Security and \$150 billion in interest on the debt.

most of such staples of the federal system as veterans' benefits, student aid, farm support, aid to education, highway grants, all other aid to state and local governments (a dwindling amount), the air traffic control program and the space program.

**Arafat's Three Yeses, And What Comes Now**

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — In the end, America's unrelenting pressure paid off.

The visa denial said, in no uncertain terms, that Mr. Arafat could gain the support of the rest of the world with his evasions and ambiguities, but that the United States — at least in this administration — would keep its word with the Israelis.



By RAL in The Economist (London), CAW Synthesis.

**He's got Teflon, too.**

Does this mean that the United States will now put the heat on the Israeli government to deal directly with the PLO? Not yet, implied Mr. Shultz, who was walking on eggshells during his announcement.

**This Skeptical Israeli Favors Talks With the PLO**

By Ze'ev Schiff

WASHINGTON — As an Israeli, I find it difficult to believe Yasser Arafat. Even his speech before the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva did not allay my fear.

strength, and in full coordination with the United States. These factors currently exist, and I am not sure that they will be present in the future.

Israel and the PLO? It does not appear so. As announced Wednesday, there is to be a dialogue between Washington and the PLO — indeed, a first contact was made Thursday.

**Philippines: The Tangle Is Growing**

By James Chace

NEW YORK — The guerrilla war in the Philippines threatens the stability of the government and poses a threat to the U.S. military installations that could yet provoke an American military response.

strengthen the influence and power of the military but it drains the deeply troubled Philippine economy.

While there is talk of a new "Marshall Plan" for the Philippines that could total \$5 billion to \$10 billion in U.S. aid and contributions by Japan, other Asian nations and West European countries, economic aid is no solution.

**Gorbachev Brought New Delhi a Dose of Hard Reality**

By S. Nihal Singh

NEW DELHI — Delhi is still reverberating from Mikhail Gorbachev's hurricane visit last month. In only a few days, he nudged the Indian-Soviet relationship out of its comfortable assumptions.

obliging Soviet uncle are dissolving, and it is a traumatic experience.

relationship in Asia and the Pacific, with China as its centerpiece, gives New Delhi the freedom to explore new foreign policy options.

**The Iron Triangle**

The Communist-led New People's Army now numbers about 25,000 and while it is not winning the war, it is not losing it either.

EUROPEAN TOPICS  
1688: Stanley Imperiled?  
1938: Hobo King to Sue  
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**A Lonely Death in Rio**

A 23-year-old Brazilian woman showed up at a Rio de Janeiro public hospital recently bleeding from a perforated uterus. Like many Latin American women, she had undergone a clandestine abortion.

countries' population control to U.S. abortion politics. American representatives visited with fanciful assertions that unchecked population growth promoted progress.

**Other Comment**

**González Loses a Battle**

The general strike that paralyzed Spain yesterday was a political trial of strength with the prime minister, Señor Felipe González. He has not emerged unscathed.

quarrel with his old friend Señor González to a head. Señor González staked his prestige on a low turnout, inviting Spaniards to choose between being Europeans and Latin Americans.

**Gandhi's Beijing Visit Offers Great Opportunity for Change**

By Sailesh Kottary

NEW DELHI — Rajiv Gandhi's visit to China on Monday will be more than just another foreign jaunt by an Indian prime minister who has already visited more than 40 countries since taking office in 1984.

defense scandals and his largely lackluster performance in office. Even if progress on the border dispute eludes him, as seems likely, he surely will return home with a stack of trade and cultural cordials under his arm.

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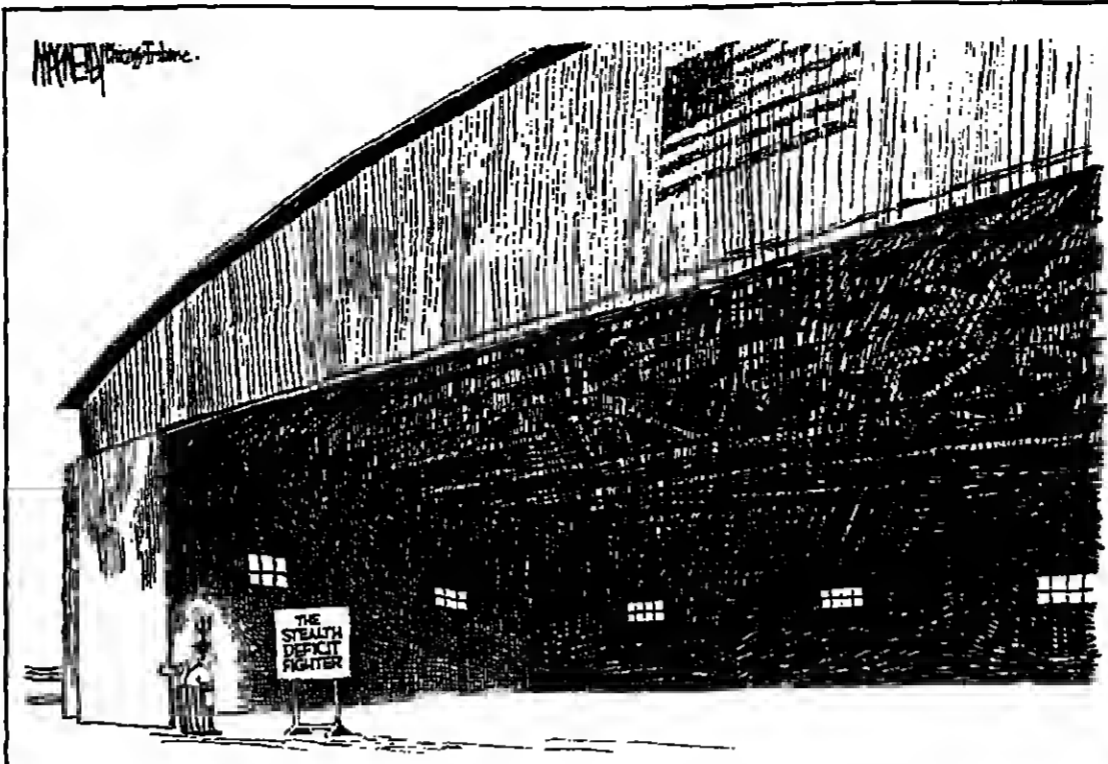
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OPINION

She Fears for Her Daughter And So Has Gone to Prison

By Anthony Lewis

WASHINGTON — Dr. Elizabeth Morgan is a leading plastic surgeon in Washington. Or was. For the past 16 months she has been a prisoner in the District of Columbia jail. Dr. Morgan has not been convicted of any crime. She is in jail for civil contempt of a court order that she turn her daughter, Hilary, over to her ex-husband for unsupervised visits. She refused to obey that order, and still refuses, because she believes that her ex-husband sexually assaulted their child. In August 1987, rather than comply, Dr. Morgan sent Hilary away to a peace and place unknown. That is a bare introduction to a case of extraordinary dimensions, legal and human. At a hearing in the District of Columbia Superior Court, I found myself disturbed as I seldom have been by a legal proceeding. Dr. Morgan took the witness stand. Her lawyer, Stephen Sachs, the former attorney general of Maryland, asked her to describe her present circumstances. She said she shared a 6-by-11-foot (1.8-by-3.3-meter) cell with another prisoner. "You conduct all of daily living in public," she said, with showers and toilet open to view. "There is rock music 16 hours a day. It is a depressing, confining, zoo-like existence."



So Why Is Dust Something To Get Stirred Up About?

By Ivor Smullen

LONDON — Over in Cologne there is a fellow named Joachim Ronneper who collects dust. His lodgings, apparently, are literally stockpiled with it. The stuff is sealed in plastic packets, and his ambition is to exhibit it, in all its grimy varieties, in a European museum. This seems reasonable enough, for it all came from museums in the first place. For more than three years, the patient

MEANWHILE

Mr. Ronneper has been sending his packets to museums in East and West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Austria and Switzerland, asking: "Please open some dust inside and return." But why, for heaven's sake? Mr. Ronneper, a 30-year-old researcher, explains that, on the one hand, he is fascinated by the dust as a religious symbol of the emergence and end of life and, on the other hand, as the householder'sbane. Dust is not, he says, as banal as it appears. After doing some research of my own, I find it hard to contradict that statement. Dust, for a start, is an inescapable fact of nature that we would miss if it were not around. The gas clouds from which stars are born are thick with dust. Dust is also responsible for many alluring modifications of sunlight. Without it, we would have no twilight, no blue skies and no gorgeous sunsets. In a sense, the world can be described as a colossal dust bowl. Fluttering bird and insect wings keep much of it circulating. Animals like chinchillas bathe in dust when there is no water around. Despite the pleasing atmospheric effects that dust creates, the conventional wisdom that it is a height is also correct. Thus, Napoleon's soldiers crossing Europe for the Battle of Austerlitz were ordered to suck straws to keep the dust out of their throats; coal miners in the north of England would use such confections as Uncle Joe's Mint-Balls. Volcanic dust is particularly nasty. When the Indonesian island of Krakatau erupted just over a century ago, the dust girdled the Earth three and a quarter times and produced darkness for 150 miles (240 kilometers) around. The dust of Krakatau has been meticulously documented. Less well known is the layer of volcanic dust unearthed last summer on the Scottish islands of Shetland and South Uist. The volcano responsible, it turns out, was Mount Hekla in Iceland, which erupted in 1150 B.C., spewing an estimated 12 cubic kilometers of dust into the stratosphere, probably inspiring complaints about the weather all over the British Isles. To sum up the basic situation, "All life is continuously surrounded by and enveloped by dust." That quotation comes from the only book published in Britain that is exclusively devoted to dust. Called "Dust," it was written in 1924 by Cyril Blacktin, a scientist who was clearly a pioneer in his field. My local library keeps it in the basement. When I borrowed a copy, an assistant first had to dust it down. Mr. Blacktin came up with some facts. Ripley may have missed. Many of the dust particles we breathe or scatter today, for instance, were probably around before man appeared on the world scene. He describes dust found in the Mediterranean region as "middle-aged." And he says a lot of dust was kicked up in the '30s, by people doing something Mr. Blacktin enigmatically calls "jazz-walking." To get back to Joachim Ronneper. The other day, a museum of rural life in my neighborhood received one of his requests for a dust sample. The staff obligingly spooned into his packet a smidgen of dust from a turn-of-the-century hearse. They figured this would fit in admirably with his obsession about the dust-to-dust that represents all of human life. Mr. Smullen, a writer, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

German History Lessons

Saul Schechtman asserts (Letters, Nov. 9) that "until about 1975, the Nazi period was largely avoided in history classes" in West Germany. I finished school in an average, medium-sized town in northern Germany in 1966. The Nazi period, particularly the Holocaust and other atrocities committed by Germans, was a major subject of instruction in our history classes during the last four years of school. We also were taken to see films (Erwin Leiser's "Mein Kampf" comes to mind), and television documentaries on the era that were broadcast during that time were extensively discussed in class. Germany's alleged failure to face up to the facts of Nazi atrocities is a convenient legend for those who have grown accustomed to treating Germany as an international pariah, and to gaining political and economic advantages from such treatment. There may be any number of reasons for distorting my country, but this is not one of them. CHRISTOPH von TEICHMAN, Hamburg.

Lower middle-class voters suffer the illusion that their political agenda should be the same as that of voters who earn \$100,000 a year and up, thus denying their need to assure a viable education system, minimum health care and a fair sharing of economic burdens. They will eat the "cake" of symbols, such as the Pledge of Allegiance and conservative "good-guy" versus liberal "bad-guy" labels, until they wake up and see that the politicians they elect are coming out on the wrong side (for them) on economic issues. MARK L. COHEN, Paris.

Stratford man quite clear. In effect, they said, "There's something fishy here, but if someone else did write the plays and poems the Earl of Oxford seems to be the best candidate."

The report quotes Sam Wanamaker's neat and tidy summation of the debate. "What's in a name? The play's the thing." I believe that neither Mr. Wanamaker nor his legions of admirers around his and our "globe" would countenance his good works as a theater person of many mighty skills if they were masquerading under a pseudonym or were performed in complete anonymity. EZRA STONE, Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

Moral, Not Magic, Power

Regarding "Strictly Speaking, This Rabbi Has Power" (Nov. 24): Referring to the rise of the religious parties on the Israeli political scene, the report quotes Rabbi David Hartman, who is described as an Orthodox Jewish philosopher, as saying that Israel has ransomed its political freedom to people who believe in magic rites and curses. This pronouncement is more befitting a Reform viewpoint. For an Orthodox Jew, it is clear that the magnetic appeal of the great Hassidic rabbis is a moral one. The efficiency of these rabbis in assisting their followers is firmly rooted in their deep concern for humanity and their extraordinary power of prayer. Indeed, such values can be cherished by the entire Israeli electorate as well as the world at large. DOV LEVINE, Zurich.

Starvation Far Beyond

Regarding "Don't Believe What You Hear About Communism" (Oct. 29): Nicholas Eberstadt says that Western demographers suggest that the actual toll of "excess mortality" after the "failed social experiment" of China's Great Leap Forward may have been close to 30 million people. He goes on to conclude that "if a person died of famine after 1917, the odds are that he or she lived in a Communist country." As if starvation in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, postwar Germany, Central Africa and so on never happened. There is only one other place I would expect to read such one-sided, fact-bending polemic — in pre-Gorbachev Pravda. IAN CHANNING, Guangzhou, China.

There Is a Greater Judge

"Why they're picking on Ben Johnson, the Fastest Scapegoat in the World" (Opinion, Oct. 21) by Norman Fost, contained many fine words for reflection. I was immediately reminded of America's late dean of sportswriters, Grantland Rice, who, years ago, wrote the one famous lines: "When the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, he marks — not that you won or lost — but how you played the game." HERBERT JOHNSON, Paris.

This Even-Handed Justice

Regarding "Shakespeare v. 17th Earl: The Verdict" (Features, Nov. 29): Having also attended the mock trial held in Washington last year, I do not agree that "three U.S. Supreme Court justices ruled unanimously that the works of Shakespeare were by William Shakespeare . . . and not the 17th Earl." I believe the Christian Science Monitor came closer to the justices' actual findings when it reported: "They didn't quite decide for the Earl of Oxford but they did not leave

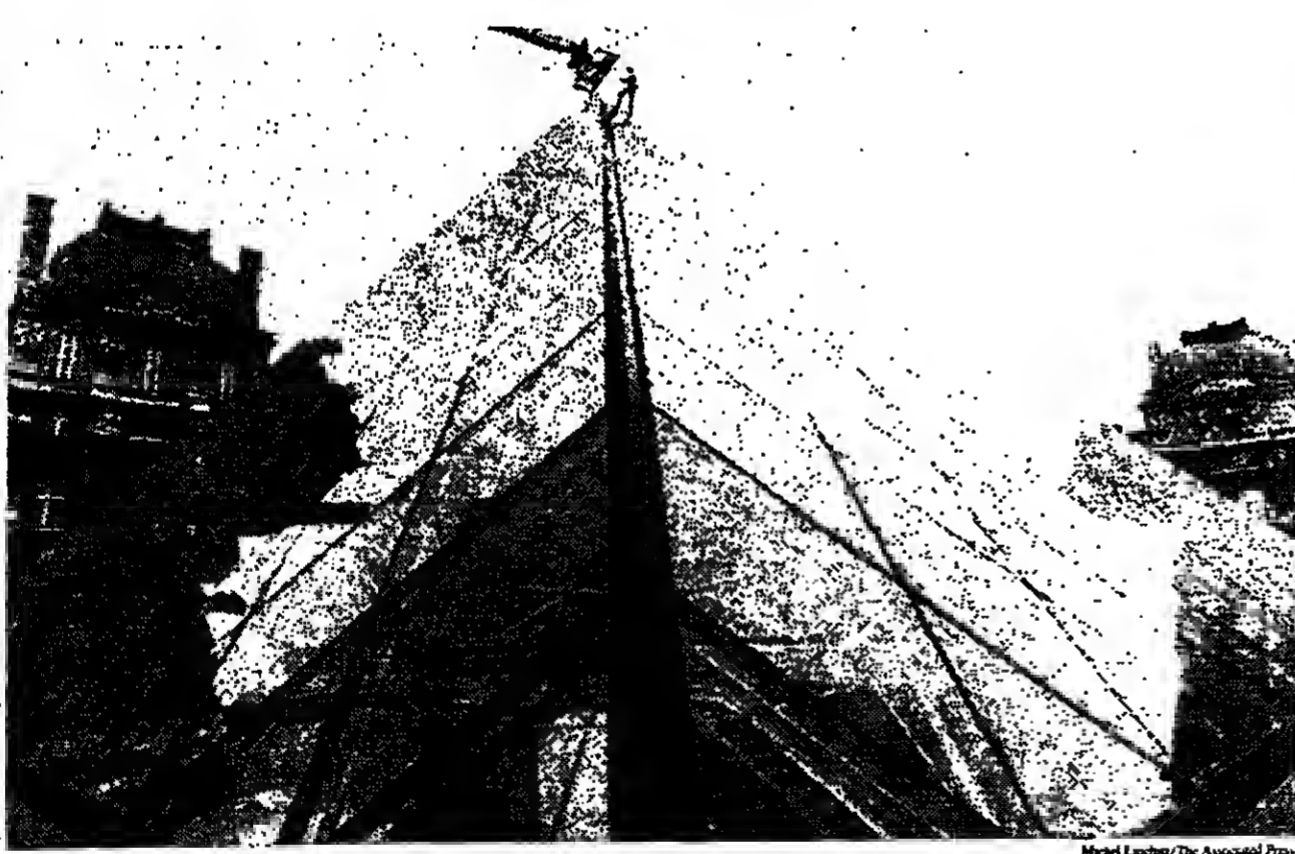
'Cake' and a Honeycomb

In response to "Class Politics: A Laid-Back Into a Troubling Realm" (Opinion, Nov. 3): Jim Hoagland hit upon the essential reason for the cynicism and doldrums surrounding the U.S. presidential campaign. Whatever was wrong with the candidates and their tactics was not the core of the problem.

The 'Iron Triangle'

THE old sheriff, as Ronald Reagan has described himself, is riding into the sunset aglow with self-contentment. What means the happy ending, alas, are those mountains of deficits. The president is congenitally unable to admit a mistake. His break-the-bank defense spending and attacks on the Treasury's revenue base might be cited by economists, but the real culprits, in the sheriff's view, are members of Congress, the media and the "special interests." They constitute a big-spending "iron triangle," the sheriff allows, appropriating a term that usually applies to the really big spenders; the Pentagon, the armed services committees and defense contractors. Future historians will be among those paying the interest costs of the old sheriff's debts. So he may not get too good a spin. — The Baltimore Sun.

GENERAL NEWS



THE GLASSY HEIGHTS — A French alpinist on the Louvre pyramid in Paris during cleaning work on the disputed museum addition in the Cour Napoleon. The museum will be closed for about a month from Feb. 22 until work is finished on underground bookshops, restaurants and boutiques. The pyramid, designed by I.M. Pei, will serve as the entrance to the underground complex.

EUROPEAN TOPICS

Artworks in U.K. Falling Apart Britain's national art treasures are facing serious deterioration because of poor storage and conservation, according to a report by an all-party parliamentary committee. It said the backlog of conservation work at the British Museum and the Victoria and Albert Museum was "particularly disturbing," and that other national museums and galleries were likely to have the same problems. The report, based on an earlier investigation by the National Audit Office, said that many objects were stored in "cramped, chaotic and overcrowded conditions" in the Victoria and Albert Museum. The museum told the committee that about 100,000 books and manuscripts needed urgent treatment, but that at present staff levels it would take 200 years to repair them. The British Museum said it was "in terrible financial trouble" and might have to make further staff cuts next year. The committee recommended "a clear and coordinated national program" of conservation, "supported by proper allocation of resources." It also suggested that museums should consider disposing of objects.

Cologne at Odds With Rome

Pope John Paul II appears to be on collision course with West German state government and local Roman Catholic church officials over his insistence on appointing someone of his own choice as archbishop of the archdiocese of Cologne. The disagreement over a successor to Cardinal Joseph Höffner, who died in October last year, escalated last week when the Vatican made it known that the pope stood by his choice of the cardinal of East Berlin, Joachim Meisner. The Cologne archdiocese is one of the richest in the world, and its archbishop has traditionally headed the West German Bishops Conference. Under a 1929 agreement, the archdiocese chapter, or senior clergy, has the right to name its own candidates. But the Vatican ignored Cologne's nominations and submitted its own list of three names, including that of Cardinal Meisner. The chapter rejected all three candidates. Johannes Rau, prime minister of North-Rhine Westphalia, warned the Vatican last week that a unilateral decision by the pope could damage relations with North-Rhine Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate, the two states that make up the Cologne archdiocese. Mr. Rau said such a move would violate the 1929 agreement giving the two states veto power over the decision. The Vatican responded on Sunday with a statement saying that the pope had the right to appoint his own candidate.

Around Europe

Swedes who volunteered to go to Armenia's earthquake zone with their rescue dogs have been notified that their dogs will have to go into quarantine when they return home, according to the national oews agency TT. Under Swedish law, animals from abroad have to spend four months in quarantine to make sure they are free of rabies. Many owners are upset. One of them, Nils Karlsson, said he would rather destroy his dog than leave him in quarantine. He had another dog at home, he said, and the four-month separation would ruin the work of the dogs as a team. The 16 Swedish rescue dogs in Armenia are said to have saved 14 persons so far. No rescue dogs were sent from Britain, which requires six months of quarantine. A press and poster campaign to trace descendants of the Parisians who stormed the Bastille prison on July 14, 1789, has yielded responses from 6,500 Parisians, according to Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris. The descendants will be offered prominent places in a parade next year to commemorate the event that became the symbol of the French Revolution. The parade is one of many celebrations planned for the 200th anniversary of the revolution. Syske Looijen

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Philippines The Tangle Is Growing

By James Chace NEW YORK — The president of the Philippines is a man who has been a thorn in the side of the U.S. military establishment since he took office in 1986. The military response to his policies has been a series of operations that have cost the lives of thousands of Filipinos and the displacement of millions. The military response to his policies has been a series of operations that have cost the lives of thousands of Filipinos and the displacement of millions. The military response to his policies has been a series of operations that have cost the lives of thousands of Filipinos and the displacement of millions.

Economic disaster is nurturing insurgents

The influence and power of the military in the Philippines has grown steadily over the past three decades, a trend that has become a major factor in the country's political life. Neither democracy nor economic progress is serving the people well. The military's influence is growing, and it is becoming a major factor in the country's political life. The military's influence is growing, and it is becoming a major factor in the country's political life.

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THE U.S. MOVE TOWARD THE PLO: A veteran American diplomat is the contact in a sensitive new opening.

Reaction From Jews In the U.S. Is Cautious

By Celestine Bohlen
NEW YORK — Leaders of several major American Jewish organizations have taken a cautious view of the decision by the United States to pursue a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.



An Israeli policeman confiscating posters showing the Israeli and Palestinian flags with the words 'Israeli-Palestinian Peace' in Hebrew. Six Israelis were arrested near the prime minister's residence.

OPINION: Arabs and Europeans Hail U.S. Decision

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The U.S. decision will add to the impetus for the reinstatement of Egypt in the Arab League, Arab diplomats said. Egypt was expelled from the league because of its 1979 separate peace with Israel.

U.S. Statement: The PLO Met All Conditions

WASHINGTON — Following is the text of the statement by President Ronald Reagan concerning talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Bush Backs Reagan on PLO

WASHINGTON — President-elect George Bush said Thursday that he supported President Ronald Reagan's decision to begin talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, but he cautioned, "Let's see how things evolve."

ARMY: Soviet Officers Express Unease on Troop Cuts

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undertaken in the early 1960s under the leadership of Nikita S. Khrushchev, but was reversed after he was overthrown in 1964.



Robert H. Pelletreau Jr.

U.S. Envoy Has Wide Mideast Contacts

By Andrew Rosenthal
WASHINGTON — When Secretary of State George P. Shultz picked Robert H. Pelletreau Jr. as the sole authorized contact between the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization, it was not the first time that the 26-year Foreign Service veteran had been called on for a highly sensitive mission.

state for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs from 1983 to 1985. Mr. Pelletreau was involved in trying to arrange an international conference on the Middle East and determining the proper representation for the Palestinians in such a conference.



Robert H. Pelletreau Jr.

Yale University in 1957 and served with the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1957 to 1958.

for one year as an associate in the law firm of Chadbourne, Park White & Wolf in Manhattan. Since joining the Foreign Service in 1962, Mr. Pelletreau has served in Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia and Syria.

PLO: U.S. in Contact

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prise announcement Wednesday night began Dec. 2, when the United States was notified that Mr. Arafat would visit Stockholm on Dec. 6 and 7 and would reply clearly to the U.S. conditions for opening a dialogue.

Diplomatic Landmarks Of the Reagan Years

- 1983: NATO deployment of theater nuclear forces in Europe.
1986-88: Steps toward democratic government in the Philippines, Argentina, South Korea and Chile.
1987: INF Treaty eliminating U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range missiles.
1987: Western naval protection of Gulf shipping.
1988: Soviet Union's announcement of military withdrawal from Afghanistan.
1988: U.S.-Canada agreement on a free-trade area.
1988: Cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war.
1988: Agreement on the independence of Namibia and withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola.
1988: Recognition of Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization and the PLO's rejection of terrorism.

Sweden Claims Credit for Breakthrough

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SPITAK: The Survivors Live the Death in an Entombed Armenian Town

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said, "A noise, a terrible swaying, and then there was no one." All she salvaged from the debris were her pictures and, strangely, a pair of high-heeled shoes.

ASSESS: Heat on Israelis

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quest Nov. 26, citing Mr. Arafat's "terrorist connections" — would have to be considered "on its own merits" with no certainty of a change in U.S. policy.

2 Resolutions Passed by UN

GENEVA — The United Nations General Assembly ended its three-day session here Thursday by adopting two resolutions on the Middle East. Both were opposed by Israel and the United States.

Commenters Riot in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO — Commenters enraged over a delay in train service rioted Wednesday, damaging five trains and three suburban stations, the police in Rio de Janeiro said.

ISRAEL: Standing Alone on PLO

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change would be "a short, passing phase." Mr. Pickering met both Mr. Shamir and Mr. Peres on Thursday, and an official familiar with the talks said that Mr. Shamir had stressed his anger and disappointment while Mr. Peres had reassured Mr. Pickering that Israel's relationship with the United States should not change because of this.

Vietnam Gives U.S. Unit Suspected GI Remains

BANGKOK — Vietnam gave a U.S. military team on Thursday 38 sets of suspected remains of missing American servicemen in the largest such repatriation since the Vietnam War ended.

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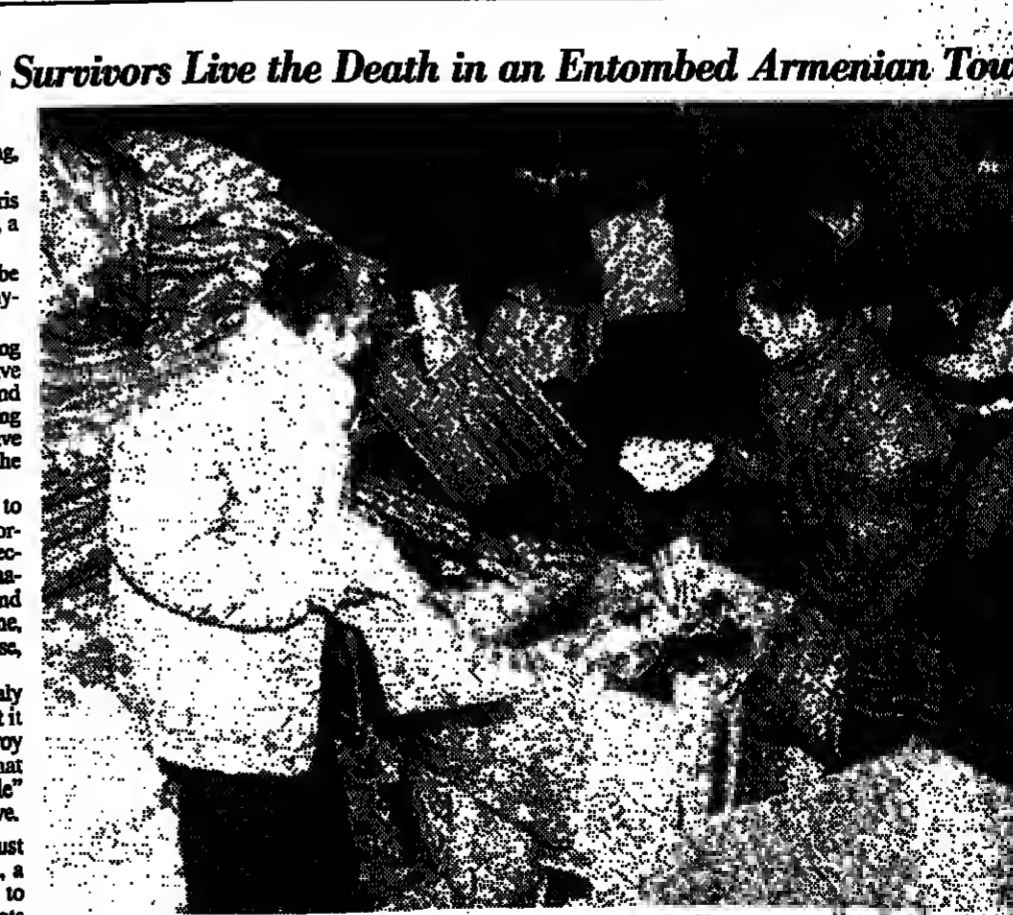


Mikhail A. Moiseyev

1939. The newspaper quoted the head of the military training directorate, General A. Davydov, as predicting that the cutbacks would allow full-time students to be exempted from the usual two years of military service.

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Orphans of the Armenia disaster going through donated clothes at a center in the capital, Yerevan.

The document that emerged brought the PLO closer than before to recognizing Israel and renouncing terrorism. Mr. Andersson then coaxed Mr. Arafat to go further. In a carefully written statement apparently drafted with Sweden's help, Mr. Arafat met the U.S. conditions Wednesday at a news conference in Geneva.

Diplomats said that the news conference was delayed for about eight hours to give the Swedes time to work out an acceptable formula. "We did the right thing at the right time," Mr. Schori said.

was unforgiving and surgically quick in Spitak. Everyone in the town describes the same feeling, a tremendous shock "like a bomb," the eerie feel of rocking and then collapse. One woman said she thought fast enough to grab her child by the hair and pull her through a doorway into the street. But few were able to act so quickly.

Two soldiers, warming their feet at a fire and drinking mineral water, sit near bodies awaiting burial. There is something painfully slow about the way the work is progressing. Dozens of army officers give orders. Many more soldiers sit by their fires "keeping order." It seems that only a few people are really working with much purpose anymore.

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East Contacts

for one year as an associate law firm of Chalmers, Winterside & Wolf in New York. Since joining the firm in 1962, Mr. Felletreau has worked in Algeria, Morocco, Lebanon, Jordan, Bahrain, and Syria.

From 1980 to 1981, he was in the Pentagon, where he was assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asia. From 1981 to 1982, he was director for Arab Affairs at the State Department, followed by two years as assistant secretary of state for Eastern and South Asia.

He was nominated by President Bush to be ambassador to Tunisia in March 1987.

Mr. Felletreau is a former Marine and a decorated aviator in political and military service. He and his wife, George Washington, have three children.

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Just Nov. 26, citing the "harsh criticism" he has to be considered "incompatible" with the change in U.S. policy.

Yet even Mr. Redman predicted that things would be the same in the Middle East process and that the advance of the U.S.-PLO talks after discussing terms of the peace process.

"This dialogue is an essential part of the process," he said, adding that it "could be a contribution to the peace process."

Mr. Redman said he expected a face-to-face meeting with the PLO and Israel in the near future.

Mr. Redman said he was ready to see the process move forward, but it appears that the Israeli government's stance is to persuade Israel to accept the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Redman said he was confident that the process would move forward in the near future.

2 Resolutions Passed by UN

GENEVA — The United Nations General Assembly has passed two resolutions on the Middle East peace process.

The resolutions call for a "durable and just settlement of the conflict" and for the "establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

The resolutions also call for the "cessation of all armed actions and the withdrawal of all foreign troops from the occupied territories."

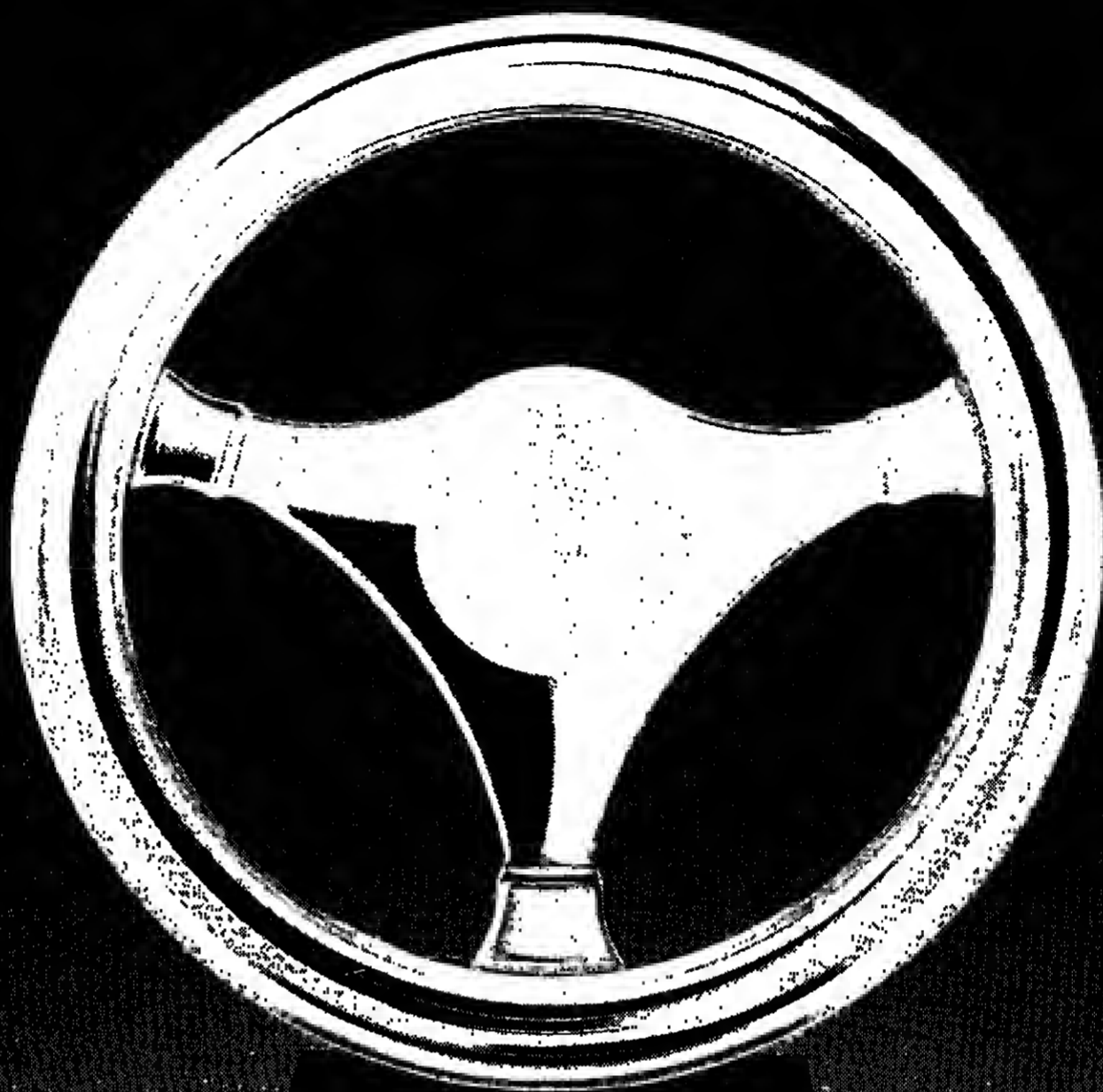
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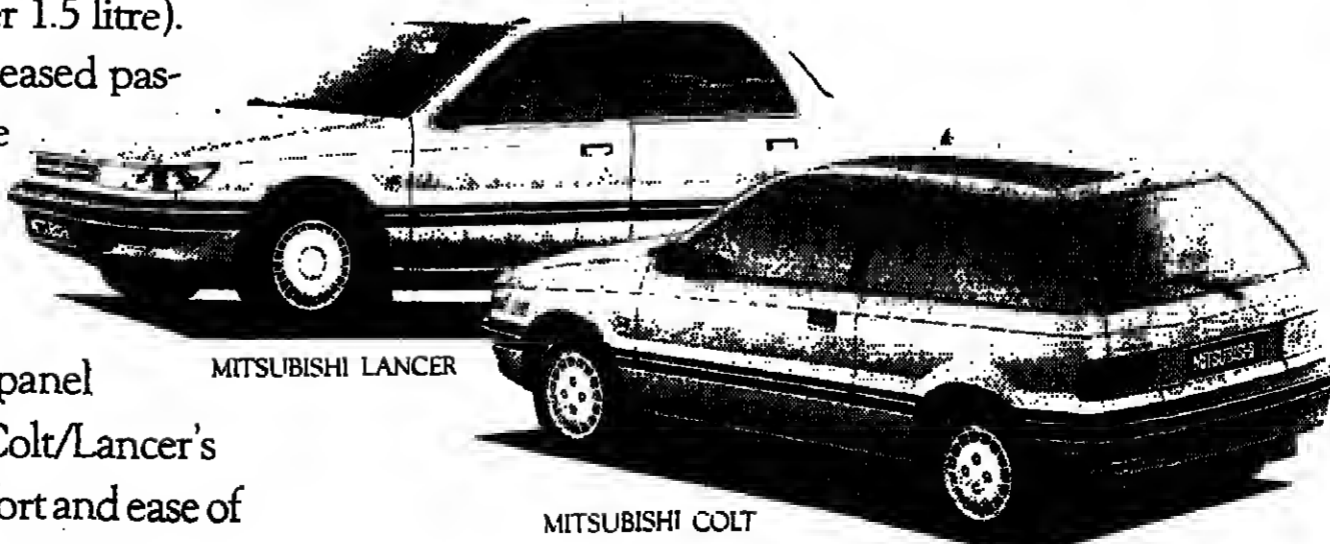
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Rate Fears Send NYSE Lower

NEW YORK — Prices ended lower on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday in quiet trading, pressured by mounting concern about the outlook for interest rates.

The discount rate was already built into stock prices. "Even though it's a feared event, the psychology behind raising rates is that it slows the economy down," Mr. Wachtel said.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 9.24 points Wednesday, eased 1.25 to close at 2133.00. Declines led advances by an 8-5 margin as volume rose to 136.82 million shares from 132.35 million traded on Wednesday.

Broader-market indexes also declined. The New York Stock Exchange index fell 0.55 to close at 154.17. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 1.03 to 274.28. The price of an average share dropped 11 cents.

Analysts said the market appeared to be in limbo ahead of a possible move by the Federal Reserve Board to push the benchmark discount rate higher to slow the U.S. economy's growth.

The discount rate, now at 6.5 percent, is what the Fed charges on loans to banking institutions. If the central bank were to raise the discount rate, it would put upward pressure on other interest rates.

Wall Street has been expecting such a move by the Fed for some time in the wake of many recent key economic reports, including some released this week, that suggested the economy is growing too fast.

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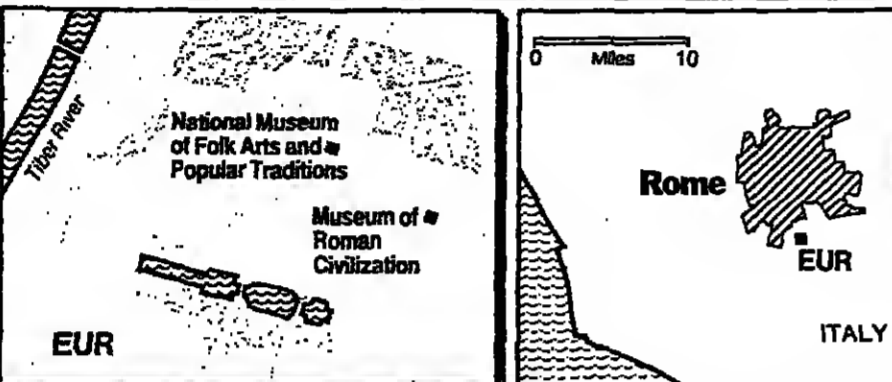
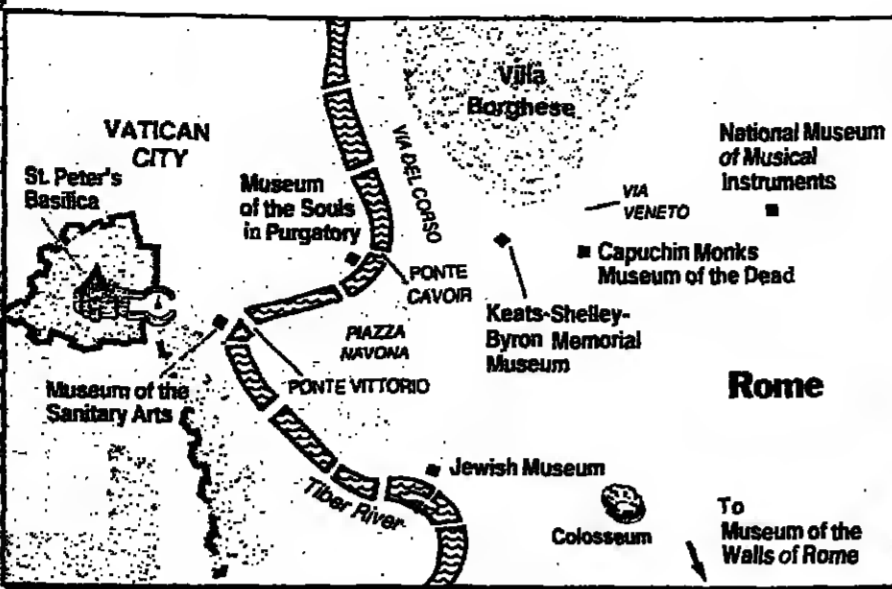
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A map is essential to see the smaller museums that are off-the-beaten track in Rome, but they reward the visitor with curiosities such as plaster cast busts of Romans, musical instruments and the house where John Keats died.

## The Small Museums of Rome

by Louis Inturrisi

**R**OME — They are sometimes more than a little time-consuming to find, and their opening and closing hours are as mysterious and erratic as the Roman weather in spring. Nevertheless, the less-publicized, out-of-the-way museums of Rome can provide the persistent visitor with such exquisite novelties as chandeliers made from monks' bones, locks of hair from the great Romantic poets and handprints from the souls in purgatory.

Moreover, unlike their more celebrated big sisters, the minor museums in Rome are often free or charge nominal entrance fees; nonetheless, they still tend to be fairly empty, even during April, July and August when the tourist traffic is at its heaviest.

**Popular Traditions**, in the EUR (Esposizione Universale di Roma) suburb of Rome (about a 20-minute subway ride from the center of town), documents the life of the regional groups that make up Italy and its islands. A collection of 750 regional costumes and a room that illustrates popular regional festivals, such as the Holy Week pageants in Sicily and the Fallo horse races in Siena, record the rich and often overlooked variety of the various ethnic groups. There are also exhibits of the popular arts, including pottery from all the major kilns, as well as descriptions of local games and other forms of popular entertainment.

**National Museum of Folk Art and Popular Traditions**, 10 Piazza Marconi, EUR; telephone 591-1848. Open Monday to Saturday from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.; Sundays and holidays 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. B Line of the metro to EUR Marconi.

The **Museum of Roman Civilization** is also in EUR, and it has a collection of models and reproductions that illustrate the history and civilization of the city from its origins up to the sixth century. An enormous plastic model of how Rome looked in the fourth century is the star of the show. It includes scale models of the Forum, the Colosseum and the Pantheon as they stood in the Augustan era when Rome was the center of the known world and a city adorned in marble and gold.

Reconstructions give visitors a good idea of what Roman aqueducts, bathhouses and private dwellings looked like before they became familiar ruins.

**Museum of Roman Civilization**, 10 Piazza

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## It's Still La Coupole, Sort of

**P**ARIS — Renovate. Rejuvenate. Update. Preserve. That's the bible according to Jean-Paul Bucher and his Groupe Flo, which now includes La Coupole, the newly reopened landmark-status 1920s brasserie that has just been propelled into the modern age.

The immense, 600-seat establishment, which officially reopened last Friday after an extensive, eight-month make-over, is already serving its famous oysters, lamb curry,

and fried whiting to some 1,500 people a day. Yet the ghosts of its legendary habitués — Americans and other expatriates, the Cubists, Surrealists and other Montparnasse artists — remain.

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La Coupole is now the largest brasserie in the Flo group, a highly successful and ever-expanding restaurant empire that includes five other brasseries in Paris — Flo, Julien, Vaudeville, Terminus Nord and Le Boeuf sur le Toit — all large, restored Art Deco or Art Nouveau monuments. They serve 1.25 million meals each year in Paris alone. With the addition of La Coupole, purchased from the original owner this year, the total could jump close to 2 million. That does not count brasseries in other French cities and in Bar-

celona, with Japan to come, or the Flo Prestige luxury food boutiques.

Yet despite La Coupole's 20-million-franc (\$3.3 million) restoration, it is likely that the casual diner will hardly spot the changes.

The spacious terrace still sports those familiar other and red wicker café chairs. *For habitués and those who love Paris for its well-worn, traditional qualities, the modern, sanitized Coupole will never be the same.*

naked lady still graces the Coupole's dinnerware. The crowd that fills the single-level dining room remains as diverse and as democratic as ever. And twice each day on weekends, La Coupole is still transformed into a dance hall, in memory of the days when a five orchestra encouraged shop clerks and sigs to waltz and tango away the afternoon. And the food still arrives slowly, very slowly, and it's usually lukewarm.

But for habitués and those who love Paris

for its well-worn, traditional qualities, the modern, sanitized Coupole will never be the same. We may want to change ourselves, but feel more secure when our institutions remain the same, like faithful old friends.

The new Coupole is showing us that the definition of full-service restaurant means more than a three-course meal. Where regular clients once had mail slots at La Coupole, they will now be able to telefax their messages around the world. Breakfast — not the simple croissant and café au lait, but a full-fledged American-style, all-you-can-eat buffet — is now served from 7:30 to 10:30 each morning. Along with their sumptuous petit déjeuner, guests will be offered secretarial services, access to telefax and photocopying machines, and cordless telephones at the table.

Gastronomically, La Coupole never made a pretense of being a great restaurant, and it still isn't. Even Bucher, an expert at volume feeding, will have a hard time serving quality fare to such numbers.

Although the restaurant was at one time awarded a Michelin star, this was later revoked without fanfare. Oysters and giant round platters of raw and cooked fish and shellfish — the traditional plateau de fruits

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## TRAVELER'S CHOICE

### Caribbean Festival Costumes



quins (with hands and faces cast from life) and accompanied by video and slide presentations, large photo murals and taped music. The show moves on to Washington, Brooklyn, Seattle and Toronto.

Costumes of Caribbean festivals — still dancers, Indians, giant bats (one of them pictured here) and other figures — are on view until Feb. 19 at the St. Louis Art Museum. The "Caribbean Festival Arts" exhibition presents 36 costumes, some as tall as 16 feet (5 meters). The costumes are shown on manne-

and radios, more sophisticated equipment must be listed on the application, including infra-red or seismic equipment or binoculars with distance measurement features.

### Peru Archaeological Site Will Be Opened

Within a year tourists should be able to visit the recently discovered cache of pre-Columbian artifacts in Peru near a coastal village just south of the Equator, according to airline and tourism officials. Looted artifacts led to the discovery outside the village of Sipan of a 1,500-year-old tomb of a high-ranking warrior priest of the pre-Inca Moche people. Archaeologists have called the tomb the richest cache of pre-Columbian artifacts ever excavated in the Americas, ranking the find in importance with the discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt. Unearthed so far have been such treasures as a two-foot-wide solid gold crown, strands of peanut-shaped gold and silver beads, a ceremonial rattle made of hammered sheet gold and a pure-gold warrior's shield weighing nearly two pounds. Visitors will be able to see the tomb and the ongoing dig there. How and where to display the finds has not been decided.

### Air Discounts for Older Passengers

Three airlines have announced fare discounts for older travelers. Northwest has begun 10 percent reductions on domestic fares for passengers 62 or older and for a companion, regardless of age. The savings apply to almost all fares, including discounted fares. Proof of age must be presented at time of ticketing. Delta also began, on the first of this month, a 10 percent discount on U.S. domestic fares for those 62 and older and a companion of any age. These Young at Heart fares, as they are called, apply to most fare levels, including the deeply discounted Instant Saver fares. British Airways on Jan. 1 will start a discount program for people over 60 traveling between the United States and Britain. Fare discounts for people who have registered for the plan — proof of age required — will range from 10 to 30 percent, depending on the type of travel and the day of the week. A companion over 50 on the same itinerary may receive the same discounts. Special check-in facilities will also be provided.

### New Rules for Visiting Mount Ararat

The Turkish government has issued new rules for visiting Mount Ararat. It has never been easy to visit this 17,000-foot mountain, the traditional resting place of Noah's Ark. The peak is constantly covered with snow and ice and is dangerous to climb in bad weather. Furthermore, the mountain is in a sensitive area of eastern Turkey, just a few miles from Soviet Armenia. In the past, the Soviets have protested to Turkish authorities about climbers they suspected of being intelligence gatherers. According to an advisory released by the Turkish Embassy in Washington: All climbers need written authorization. Applications should be submitted three months in advance. Travelers engaged in research or filming must state their subject, and tourists should say whether they are going for sport or sightseeing. Individual climbers or groups must be accompanied by a guide licensed by the Turkish Federation of Mountain Sports. A list of guides may be obtained from the Turkish Ministry of Tourism. Aside from cameras, amateur video cameras

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TRAVEL

THE FREQUENT TRAVELER

Fare Bargains Fewer, Smaller And Harder to Find in U.S.

by Agis Salpukas

NEW YORK — The good news: Despite the recent major tightening of the U.S. airline fare structure...

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The number of travelers who resort to circumvention of the rules is less than 1 percent...

A traveler who can plan far ahead and qualify for a 14-day advance purchase fare can still get low fares...

A seven-day advance-purchase fare to Houston is also available. The ticket costs \$338 round trip...

At the same time, full coach fares have gone up considerably. The regular round-trip coach fare between Newark and Houston...

The magnitude of the changes was recently demonstrated by Juliet Versfeld, one of the owners of the Trips Away Travel Agency in Tenafly, New Jersey...

The same dramatic simplification is true of fares between other major cities. Versfeld discovered that the full coach fare between Newark and Los Angeles is now \$1,100 round trip...

She found an even cheaper fare of \$560 round trip to Los Angeles on Braniff...

Such fares are also capacity controlled, which means that the number of seats available on each flight is limited...

She also said it is more important than ever to find a travel agent with good instincts and who knows the ins and outs of the computer reservation system...

Travelers looking for a bargain can also want to travel in off-peak periods, such as January and February, when traffic is light...

Prospects of encountering more courtesy, better meal service and baggage handling could take some of the sting out of having to pay higher fares.

Eilat: An Israeli Resort Far From the Headlines

by Joel Brinkley

EILAT, Israel — Eilat is to Israel what Key West is to the United States — a hot, lazy, bohemian and (to be honest) tawdry little resort town at the nation's southern tip...

Eilat has no Arab community and no significant religious population, facts the city's boosters like to point out.

This is a resort area; the religious, they like to stay in the center of the country, Mayor Avi Hochman says. That removes any possibility for the two greatest sources of tension here — Arab versus Jew, religious versus secular.

"We're tolerant here," said Rina Maor, head of the state tourism office. "If people want to go to the synagogue it's O.K.; if people want to go to the mosque it's O.K. Most female visitors seem to choose the latter option."

Though Eilat is separated from the population and problems of greater Israel by more than 100 miles of desert, it has never really been discovered by American tourists, who virtually abandoned Eilat as a tourist destination this year.

Tourism in general has been on a steady downward slide since the Palestinian uprising began almost a year ago. But while the rest of Israel's tourist centers are foundering, Eilat's tourism rate has risen by 10 percent.

Mayor Hochman has found a novel way of attracting tourists: Don't tell them Eilat is part of Israel. "We try to isolate Eilat from the rest of the country," he says. "We sell and promote it without mentioning Israel. We're not

ashamed, but it's good for business."

In the summer, when the temperature drifts below 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Centigrade) only at night and the steady breeze from the south feels like the out-draft of an air-conditioner, Eilat is the domain of Israelis who take advantage of the off-season rates.

In the winter, when temperatures are typically in the 80s and Eilat has a climate that is a bit chillier than that of winter in Miami, the resort is populated by Western Europeans. Five or six charter flights a day arrive from West Germany, Austria, Britain, Switzerland and Scandinavia. Most of them come to Eilat and disgorge the rest of Israel to the north — Mayor Hochman's advertising campaign in action.

But Americans come only "as part of a tour, usually," the mayor says. Maor adds, "Three days in Jerusalem, two days in Haifa, two days in Eilat." Last year only about 3,000 Americans passed through Eilat, compared with more than 100,000 Europeans. Most of the Americans were Jews who had come to see the Holy Land, not vacationers looking for a resort in the sun.

Visitors who come to see just Eilat are not likely to be impressed. The city "isn't really that interesting," Maor says candidly. "Simple construction. We're not a cultural center." Its business area is like that of any other Israeli small town, lined with undistinguished open-air shopping plazas.

But few visitors come for the man-made sights. Eilat is blessed with one of the most magnificent physical settings in the world. At the end of the town marina pier, at the northernmost tip of the Red

Sea, the sea laps gently at the piers, the water so clean and clear the visitor can watch schools of tropical fish dart around. On either shore of the Gulf of Aqaba, craggy granite and sandstone mountains tumble down to the water's edge. Since it hardly ever rains in Eilat — maybe five or six showers a year — time has not worn away the peaks' rough edges.

But as impressive as the natural features may be, the political geography is even more captivating. The pier is in Israel. But just to the left, only a mile or so away, is Aqaba, just over the border in Jordan. To the south, and clearly visible only a few miles off, is a small village, Haqal, in Saudi Arabia. To the right, just past the Taba strip, with its Israeli-built, five-star Aviya Sonesta Hotel, is an Egyptian flag fluttering in the breeze. Standing on the pier at night, looking at the lights twinkling from homes in four nations along both shores, it is hard to appreciate the animosity among the varied peoples.

Still, the attraction that brings most people to Eilat is the Red Sea. Perfectly clear, virtually waveless and comfortably warm, between 70 and 80 degrees all year, Eilat is a magnificent spot for all manner of water sports. There could hardly be a better place for wind-surfing: There is no surf, and the breeze up the Gulf is so steady and strong it's almost like being machine driven.

Many visitors water ski, parasail, take dinner cruises and peer between their feet in glass-bottom boats. But the favored activities are snorkeling and scuba diving. The tropical fish and coral reefs in Eilat and farther south off the Sinai and further south off the Sinai are regarded as among the most spectacular anywhere.

The principal reef most easily accessible from Eilat is the Coral Beach Nature Reserve, maintained by Israel's Nature Reserves Authority for snorkelers and scuba divers. Eilat is full of diving centers that cater to first-time divers as well as those with experience and certification.

For the not so adventuresome there's the Coral World Underwater Observatory at Coral Beach. A multiwindowed circular viewing room has been sunk 15 feet under water, 20 yards offshore, at the end of a walkway and down some steps. Parts of the reef have been relocated just outside the viewing windows, and the fish reefs attract visitors can see many of the sights that divers enjoy.

Out of the water and behind the city is the Negev Desert, magnificently barren, riddled with trails for hikers and horseback riders.



On the beach at Eilat.

Flukes and horseback rides — any tourist hotel in town can make arrangements for either — are better taken by winter visitors. In the summertime the heat is so intense that hiking is not just uncomfortable, for some people it's unsafe.

Most visitors arrive by way of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv. Israel's domestic commuter airline, Arka, offers several flights a day from either city. The trip takes about an hour. Other people like to drive down, through the Arava Valley, along the border with Jordan.

In town, the main tourist hotels at the foot of the bay are, quite literally, within walking distance of the airport. But the most popular hotel in the area is the Sonesta at Taba, although it's not certain how much longer visitors coming from Israel will be able to stay there.

When Israel evacuated Sinai in 1982 after capturing it from the Egyptians in 1967, it held on to Taba, a mile-square spit of sand on the border. An Eilat entrepreneur built the Sonesta, but after years of negotiation and arbitration, an international panel ruled in September that Taba belongs to Egypt.

Whether tourists from Israel will still be able to stay at the Sonesta without first getting an Egyptian visa remains to be negotiated. But

as long as the matter has been under negotiation, there have been low-level tensions along the border.

The Sonesta is the only five-star hotel in the area under Israel's rating system. There are several rated one notch lower. Among the best are King Solomon's Palace, the Mordechai Eilat and the Neptune.

As for dining, the restaurants serve food that is interesting, well prepared and perfectly good but seldom outstanding.

La Coquille, in the tourist hotel complex adjacent to town, is an expensive French restaurant that many people consider the best in the country. La Barracuda is a charming open-air seafood restaurant at Coral Beach with a range of wonderfully prepared fresh dishes. The Gulf is just across the street.

Eilat offers much to do but also a sense of place. A visitor who walks along the beach outside the tourist hotels will, after a short time, pass an Israeli Army jeep parked in the sand, 50-caliber machine guns mounted front and rear. Just behind them a sign says: "Stop. Frontier ahead." But Israel's border with Jordan is calm, especially in Eilat. And one afternoon, the soldiers in the jeep, like almost every other person in Eilat, lay back, eyes half closed, lazily in the sun.

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ZZZZ Best's Founder Found Guilty of Fraud

LOS ANGELES — Barry J. Minkow, who founded the ZZZZ Best carpet-cleaning company as a teen-ager, has been found guilty on 57 counts of securities fraud and conspiracy charges stemming from the collapse of his business in 1987.

U.S. Auto Sales Down 11% In Early December

DETROIT — The seven companies that make automobiles in the United States have reported that their sales fell 10.6 percent in the first 10 days of December from the comparable period in 1987.

NYSE Highs-Lows

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NEW YORK — Robert Maxwell, the British publisher who recently acquired Macmillan Inc., plans to sell Macmillan's three remaining nonpublishing businesses.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Climbs on U.S. Discount Rate Speculation

NEW YORK — The dollar rose sharply in New York on Thursday as expectations of an early rise in the U.S. discount rate intensified.

London Dollar Rates table with columns for Currency, Bid, and Ask prices.

"The chance is 60-40 for the rate rise. But we think there is no need to raise the rate as the dollar is firm now."

Earlier, in London, the dollar closed at 1.7475 DM, up from 1.7380 DM on Wednesday, and at 123.32 yen, up from 122.60.

RATE: Bundesbank Move Targets Fears of Inflation

(Continued from first finance page) charged to commercial banks on short-term loans from the central bank against bills as collateral.

after the stock market crash the greatest worry is not recession, but rather the fear that inflation is moving up to unacceptable levels."

G-7 Date Discussed

PARIS — Pierre Bérégovoy, the French finance minister, said Thursday that a meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations should take place in February.

Mr. Brown of County Natwest said, however, that the Bundesbank's moves were likely to increase tensions within the European Monetary System, where France and West Germany have been at loggerheads over the strength and dominance of the Deutsche mark over other currencies.

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BOOKS

HEAVEN: A History
By Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang. 410 pages. \$29.95. Yale University Press, 302 Temple Street, New Haven, Conn. 06520.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani
TO a medieval visionary named Gerardus (1210-1269), it was a city-state: a holy city, surrounded by seven castles and assorted fortresses.

To the Renaissance humanist Francesco Colonna (1433-1527), it was a picturesque place dotted with fountains and laurel trees, a paradisaical countryside where pretty maidens and their young beardless lovers frolicked about the hills and shady groves.

To the Swedish mystic Emanuel Swedenborg, it was a collection of cities with "avenues, streets, and squares," where angels lived in houses with courtyards, gardens and lawns.

And to later spiritualists, it was a land of self-improvers and perpetual students who spent their days in colleges, seminars and libraries.

The place described by all these individuals, of course, is heaven — the subject of this fascinating study by the scholars Colleen McDannell and Bernhard Lang. It is a rich, provocative subject (the same subject, incidentally, of a stylish documentary film by Diane Keaton), and the authors use it as a springboard from which to examine shifting attitudes toward man and God, within the Judeo-Christian tradition. They show how Christianity's own development (growing from a fringe cult into the official religion of the late Roman Empire, and later, an establishment power in Europe) affected its theology; how political, cultural and social shifts were mirrored in changing attitudes toward the afterlife.

Not only are pivotal examples drawn from the works of such thinkers as Augustine, Aquinas, Luther and Pascal, but paintings (by Giotto, Hieronymus Bosch, Fra Angelico, Rubens and Dante Gabriel Rossetti, among others) are used to illustrate the cultural dissemination of certain ideas.

Both best sellers and serious literature (including works by Dante, Milton and Blake) are discussed in detail, but movies are oddly ignored — a curious lapse on the authors' part, given the wealth of films (from "Stairway to Heaven" and "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" through "Heaven Can Wait" and "Made in Heaven") that offer highly specific representations of what happens after death.

All in all, however, the authors have done a sophisticated job of finding and collating historical material. Some of the descriptions of heaven found in this volume are willfully abstract and vague: heaven as a radiant, light-filled space, presided over by God and populated by noncorporeal beings.

Other descriptions are so precise as to verge on the comical. One 19th-century spiritualist contended that heaven had two theaters (one for producing earthly dramas; the other for "original heavenly plays"); another noted the absence of spectator sports, though he acknowledged the existence of tennis, rugby, soccer, cricket, boating and "athletics of all kinds."

A 17th-century theologian observed that saints in heaven did not eat, but enjoyed the smells of roses and carnations; a more contemporary writer speculated that residents of the great beyond were vegetarians.

On the matter of love and sex in heaven, there are just as many conflicting opinions. According to the authors' interpretation of the gospels, Christ, himself, explained there would be no marriage in the resurrected life — after death, men and women would be "angelic, asexual beings."

Medieval mystics, for their part, saw virgins achieving a "beatific union" with Christ that would follow the dictates of courtly love. During Renaissance thinkers went so far as to envision heaven as an idealized Garden of Eden, "a place of erotic human love in the bucolic setting of a comfortable natural landscape." And Swedenborg postulated a heaven that would sanctify true love.

In tracing the evolution of views concerning heaven, McDannell and Lang point out that most theories fall into one of two categories: a "theocentric" model of heaven, in which the individual's relationship to God is stressed; or an "anthropocentric" model of heaven in which human ties — to family, friends, the community — play a greater role.

The latter model tends to take a more positive view of the world, turning heaven into an idealized version of life on earth — a life that is complete with love, work and social connections. "Although the two models often coexist," write the authors, "one of them can generally be considered the dominant view for a given time and place. But the leading position, whether occupied by the theocentric or the anthropocentric view, cannot be firmly established in the long run." Rather, the pendulum of collective belief tends to swing between the two.

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World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, Dec. 15

Table with multiple columns for various stock markets including Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Zurich, Tokyo, and Toronto. It lists various stock indices and their closing prices.

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By Alan Truscott

ON this side of the Atlantic, in current play, David and Alan Siebert of Little Rock, Arkansas, make up what is probably the strongest brother-and-brother partnership. Together with John Zlic of Houston, Paul Munafo of Huntsville, Alabama, and Sylvia Summers of Long Beach, California, they won the National Swiss Team Championship, which ended Nov. 27 in Nashville.

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spade ace, David Siebert, as declarer, could count eight tricks. He needed one more from one of the black suits, and at once tested clubs by cashing the ace and then leading to the king. West's discard of a spade was a disappointment. Any direct attempt to score a ninth trick in spades was due to fail, but Siebert read the cards well. He judged that West was sure to have the spade queen and was unlikely to have unguarded it. His distribution was likely to be 4-5-2-2, as indeed it was, so two diamond winners were taken, ending in dummy.

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the more obvious contract of four spades, which presented difficult problems that South failed to solve.

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WEST (D) EAST
AQ773 4881
AK1052 10842
Q10 41852
484

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Neither side was vulnerable. The bidding:
West North East South
10 Pass Pass 2a
Pass 2a Pass 3N.T.
Pass 2a Pass
Pass 2a Pass
After winning the opening heart lead with the queen and cashing the

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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SPORTS

It's Strike 3 Around the World

Armed Forces Network Has Switched Off Its Civilian Listeners

By Fred Farris
International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — The voices of Ken Allen, Dallas Burnette and other sportscasters familiar to listeners of the Armed Forces Network have been still for many since the radio service switched from shortwave to satellite broadcasting.

longer can get the broadcasts that Balamack called "representative of what you'd hear if you were home in the States."
"We definitely know we are missing some people out there," said Hansen, "and we're honestly sorry about it. We thought about it long and hard."
He said AFRTS has had some inquiries, but, surprisingly, not as many as anticipated.

we're concerned about," said Hansen.
But since AFRTS is a branch of the U.S. Defense Department, its main mission is to serve the military forces, he said. The only way others can receive the broadcasts is by installing a one-meter satellite dish that can pick up the L-band. The dish and its receiving equipment now cost about \$5,000.

HIGHLIGHTS

Walliser Wins Downhill Cup Race

WALTENMARKT, Austria (AP) — Maria Walliser of Switzerland skied through falling snow Thursday to win the second women's downhill race of the World Cup season.

S., Europe Win in Kirin Cup Golf

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The defending champion United States led by Crenshaw and Chip Beck with six-under-par 66, defeated Australia and New Zealand by 10-2 Wednesday in the Kirin Cup World Championship Golf, while Europe, anchored by Ronan Rafferty of Ireland and Josep Maria Carreras of Spain with 69, beat Japan by 9-3.

Holtz Named Top U.S. College Coach

HOUSTON (AP) — Lou Holtz, of No. 1-ranked and unbeaten Notre Dame, won the Bear Bryant Award on Wednesday night as the top U.S. college football coach.

Dooley Resigns as Coach of Georgia

ATHENS, Georgia (AP) — Vince Dooley has resigned as football coach at the University of Georgia after a quarter-century spent managing the school's team from also-ran to traditional power.

Abdul-Jabbar Case to Go to Trial

PHOENIX (AP) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the leading scorer in National Basketball Association history, will be tried next year on two misdemeanor counts stemming from a shooting incident at a shopping mall, a city prosecutor said Thursday.

For the Record

Bob Stull, who turned Texas-El Paso from a loser into a bowl team in three years, was named football coach at Missouri.
Trevor Francis, the former striker for England's soccer team, was appointed manager of the first division Queen's Park Rangers.

Quotable

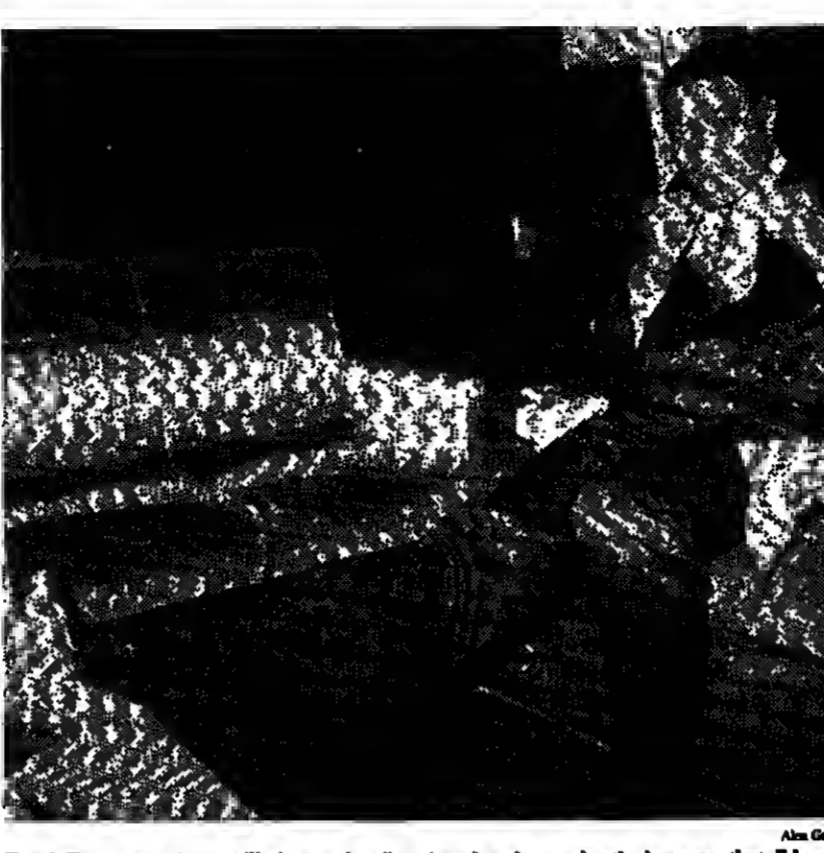
The toughest places in the United States to play in college basketball?
Bobby Paschall, Florida: "Arkansas. It's like playing in Russia. We lost the game and we lost our money."
Lloyd Winston, Emory: "NYU. The gym is tucked away in Greenwich Village with security guards frisking people at the door. It resembles Kibria Khan's pleasure dome, five floors down, filled with screaming fans, and the locker room is a sweat box."

Wilander Faces Steeb in Cup's Opening Match

GOTEBORG, Sweden — Mats Wilander, the world's top ranked tennis player, will open Sweden's bid to retain the Davis Cup on Friday.

Bruno's Script in L.A.: Lonely Are the Brave

LOS ANGELES — Frank Bruno, arriving from London, wasn't greeted like royalty. In fact, the British challenger for the world heavyweight title was met Wednesday at Los Angeles International Airport by only a couple of photographers.



Frank Bruno struck a pugilistic pose in a Los Angeles airport shuttle, but even that did not draw a crowd.

Ali Says It Was He Making Phone Calls

WASHINGTON — Former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali said Wednesday that "I've been making the calls" and denied that someone imitating his voice had on numerous occasions this year telephoned senators, congressional aides and journalists.

Cunningham: An NFL All-Star First

NEW YORK — For the first time in the history of the National Football League's all-star game, which started in 1951, a black quarterback — Randall Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles — has been voted to start the contest.

Eagles' Black Quarterback to Start Game

WARREN MOON of the Houston Oilers, made it the American Conference's backup quarterback.
The only black quarterback to have played in the game was James Harris of the Los Angeles Rams, who backed up Jim Hart of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1975 and went on to become the game's most valuable player.

Now the Heat Can Rise Again

LOS ANGELES — After 17 losses and 5 1/2 weeks of the National Basketball Association season, the Miami Heat have won a game.

U.S. College Results

Table with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, Pct., and Score. Lists results for various college sports including basketball, football, and tennis.

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FOOTBALL

Pro Bowl Rosters
Rosters of the AFC and NFC teams for the NFL Pro Bowl played Jan. 29 to Honolulu.

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings
EASTERN CONFERENCE
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WOMEN'S DOWNHILL
1. Maria Walliser, Switzerland, 1:35.25

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FRANC FIRST DIVISION
Nice & Marseille 1
Paris Saint Germain & Monaco 2

SCOREBOARD

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Midwest Division: Denver 14, Utah 12, Portland 10, Sacramento 9, Minnesota 8.

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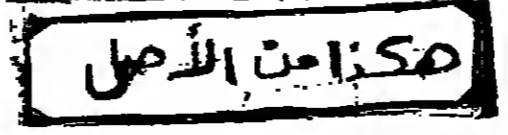
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OBSERVER

Christmas Shopping

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — My Christmas shopping took practically no time at all. I did the job at Christmas Hall, a gigantic two-story building containing 273 stores...

through this mercantile nightmare in search of the "Uninteresting Merchandise Emporium."
Also, the size 8 can be brought back and traded for a one-size-fits-all item like a set of Eleganza's imported fuzzy dice...

Lafcadio Hearn's Love Affair With Japan

By Christine Chapman
MATSUE, Japan — "A jet black plum pudding reminded him of Christmas in Ireland. Hearn loved it," said Bon Koizumi, Lafcadio Hearn's 27-year-old great-grandson and keeper of Hearn fame...



Lafcadio Hearn (left) and Bon Koizumi, his great-grandson and keeper of his fame.

eye. (The other was blinded in a teen-age accident.) As Koizumi said, "He was a henna gaijin, a strange foreigner. Crowds gathered around him, looking for his tail."
Later, in his years at the Imperial University as a professor of English literature, from 1896 to 1903, he was still regarded as an anomaly, at least by his colleagues...

gave himself the first name Yukumo, meaning "eight clouds."
Husband and wife were two of a kind in disposition: erratic, hot-tempered, paranoid. In describing Setsu, Bon Koizumi used the words "cranky," "hysterical" and "severe to children."
Hearn's reputation as a distrustful, quarrelsome, childish man is documented through his letters to friends, through the recollections of fellow teachers and missionaries, whom he particularly disliked...

PEOPLE

'War of Worlds' Script Is Sold for \$143,000
The original radio script for the 1938 "War of the Worlds," including handwritten changes by Orson Welles and CBS censors, was auctioned for \$143,000 at Sotheby's in New York...
Sir Peter Hall, the director who shaped 25 years of British state-subsidized theater, began a new career on the London commercial stage this week with "Orpheus Descending"...

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